

# THE DEMOCRAT

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Civil Service Reform.  
We prefer a Democrat to a Republican of equal character.

No honest and true Republican asks to be retained, and none other should be retained. In the South a sweep with a clean broom is demanded by all Democrats.

"Turn the rascals out."

## OUR SYSTEM.

Our System of government is founded upon broad liberal principles. It is essentially different from any other government ever established since man's appearance in the world, of which we have any record.

It was designed by its founders to combine both the principles of a pure democracy and a limited or constitutional democracy without the evils of an unlimited democracy. The word democracy is made up of two Greek words, Demos and Kratos. The one meaning people, the other strength. The two combined mean the power of the people.

So pure democracy is a government by the people each one having a voice in every matter without representation.

This kind of democracy has one very dear and very superior advantage over a constitutional democracy namely; it is impossible for any man or any party to be misrepresented.

Each individual in the State spoke and voted for himself.

But it was soon discovered, that it was next to impossible for each citizen to meet and pass laws in a large State in person. So in the formation of our duplex system of government, a constitutional democracy was discovered to be best adapted to our condition and this kind was settled down upon by the framers of our form of government.

So we see a constitutional democracy is the "power of the people" curtailed by their consent, by a constitution in which they delegate a part of their power to certain agencies and instrumentalities known as the representatives of the people.

Now just at this point begins all the evils with which our country has been cursed from its inception. From its infancy and even before its birth the spirit of usurpation and despotism has energetically striven to exercise more powers, than were ever delegated to their agencies in the constitution.

Man is naturally inclined to be Master; to be a King or Lord.

God made him and commanded him to subdue and conquer the earth. And true to the instructions of his wicked nature, he misconstrued and misinterpreted his Maker's command, the powers delegated by God unto him, being a usurper and a tyrant before the cold blighting winds of earth had scarcely blown the sweet perfumes of Heaven from his vile body.

And from that day until the day Cleveland gushed so copiously in a flood of tears, and in sorrow more weighty than a mountain, over the resignation of that pilgrim martyr Eaton, man has been a usurper and a tyrant.

And as God has watched and chastised man from that day until now, for his usurpation, and infringements of his own prerogatives and reserved rights, so the people must watch and chastise their representatives for their usurpations and encroachments upon prerogatives and reserved rights.

And we think the time has now arrived for the people to inflict severe punishment upon their representatives beginning at the head tracing to the foot. If the people are satisfied with Cleveland's civil service, we confess we are not able to so understand them.

We have been both vain and simple enough to believe we were an honest, faithful democrat. But if Cleveland is a true prototype of a genuine American democrat, then we have deceived ourselves as to our democracy.

We feel sure that the majority of the party do not endorse Cleveland's civil service monstrosity. If he believes the voters who nominated and elected him desired and still desire him to retain the republican officials he found in office in the departments he has deceived or allowed himself to be deceived, or he is a fit subject for the lunatic asylum, or he is not a democrat at heart and is using his best efforts to dismember and disband the democratic party. Both the convention that nominated and the people who elected meant by their civil service reform to turn out every man who worked and voted for Blaine and put honest, able and faithful men in who worked and voted to keep Jim Blaine out. Every body but fools,

lunatics and policy men knows this. And no man on the top side of the earth knows it better than Grover Cleveland. And the longer he lives the better he will know it. He is unfaithful to the party that elected him. He is unfaithful to the principles of democracy. He is a grand imposition upon the party.

## GRANT.

He said "let no guilty man escape." Noble sentiment! Inspiring thought! Heaven's blessing ought to accompany such a declaration of manliness, honesty, and inspired justice; when the land was full of thieves, scoundrels, plunderers, and public desperadoes; when a nation was started from center to circumference; when the earth had just ceased to quench its thirst with human blood and quake and tremble upon its axis under the heavy tread of contending armies, when all the departments at Washington, and their various branches and ramifications through the country were infested and filled with political vermin and the most degraded and desperate elements of Northern and Southern society when the very air in and around Washington and the great west was filled and impregnated with corruption, fraud, imbezement theft and every species of meanness and villainy of which man is capable, and at a time, above all other times in the history of this country, when it was useful that the law should be rigidly enforced and criminals brought to the shrine of justice, Grant commanded his supreme law officer to put down all violators of the revenue laws and let no guilty man escape. His pure spotless Attorney General who was unsophisticated enough to believe his master meant business and honestly purposed to purify the public service and punish the thieves and scoundrels who had regardless of the law and without respect for man and without the fear of God before their eyes, and moved by the spirit of the devil and instigated by the fiends out of sheol at once put the machinery of the government to work to ferret out the frauds, corruptions, wrongs, outrages and villainies perpetrated and committed against the laws and the people, to track up the individual rascals and scoundrels who had committed these great wrongs and outrages. His grand efforts were soon crowned with complete success. He soon laid the Judicial Arm of the Government upon Joyce, Jones, Babcock and others. He traced the chief of the whiskey ring steal Grant's own home, the White House. The great western whiskey conspiracy that robbed the government of untold millions of revenue had its origin and growth from the door sill of the Whitehouse, and general Babcock, Grant's private secretary was its author. As soon as this was made known to Bristow, the Attorney General, he ordered his arrest and indictment for a conspiracy to rob the government.

He began his work of civil service reform in earnest, like an honest faithful, able public servant, expecting his master to sustain him in the faithful discharge of his official duties and in obeying the command issued by the president of the United States and the commander of the Army and Navy of the United States. No success however. He was doomed to sad disappointment. As soon as Grant found that his personal and political friends were the guilty parties, he gave Bristow to understand that it depended upon who were the guilty parties as to whether they were to be allowed to escape or not.

From this Mr. Bristow dissented and said the law was no respecter of persons. That he had taken an oath to faithfully discharge the duties of his office.

Mr. Grant at once relieved him of the duties of his office, the obligations of his oath by demanding his resignation which was promptly handed in and more promptly accepted than Cleveland accepted the sainted Eaton's resignation.

The result, a *not pros* was entered and the guilty went unwhipped of justice.

The same is true of Belknap, his secretary of war. The lower house had arranged him before the bar of the highest tribunal in the world, under a bill of indictment for high crimes and misdemeanors against the American people and was proceeding to try and convict him when this same man Grant stepped in between the guilty and his punishment and asked for his secretary's resignation which it was demanded between midnight and day, handed in an accepted by Grant before heaven's morning Aurora had lighted up the eastern sky. Thus depriving the United States court of the power of its Jurisdiction to try and convict a national criminal.

Still he said "Let no guilty man escape" and his friends refer to this saying as a proof of his greatness. If it is an honor let him wear the crown.

## LYNCHINGS.

Last week four people were lynched near Pittsboro, Chatham county. The crime they were charged with was the murder of three persons some time ago—two white people, brother and sister, aged 79 and 81, and one colored boy aged 19. There was doubt of the guilt of at least one of the prisoners, but nevertheless in this age of law and civilization the people of one of the most enlightened communities in our State were unwilling to let the law take its course and so they placed a blot on the fair fame of Chatham county and our State. This was a tragedy of the most horrible kind and next morning when the bodies of four persons, one woman, were seen dangling from the trees truly were the people shocked.

It is often people are pretty certain of the guilt of a party when there is not evidence enough to convict, but in all such cases there is at least a doubt, if not a reasonable doubt, as to the guilt of the accused, and in such cases men should beware how they take the blood of a human upon their hands. There are cases when the guilt is absolutely certain and excitement runs so high that lynching is irresistible, while in such cases it is impossible to prevent lynching, still calm and cool reason says it is far better to let the law deal with the guilty, where guilt can be established. Lynch law is horrible and disastrous and in times of peace as well as of excitement should be frowned upon by all.

## NEW YORK.

Roswell P. Flower declined the Democratic nomination for governor of New York. It will be remembered that he was frequently spoken of last Spring for President U. S., and we suppose he thought it would not do to accept so small a position as Governorship of the Empire State. But after his resignation the State Committee looked about and selected for the place Gen. Ed F. Jones, of Binghamton. This gentleman has been a lifelong Democrat and no doubt will greatly add force to the Democratic ticket. The N. Y. Democratic State platform on Civil Service, is ahead of any other platform we have yet seen this year. It favors an honest civil service but condemns the manner in which the republicans carried out the civil service law; it demands a reorganization of the Civil Service Commission. This will be, we suppose, since our President's pet, D. B. Eaton, Esq., has resigned the chairmanship of that commission. The contest in New York will be very close but not so close as it was last fall probably. The mugwumps do not seem to stick, they will support the Republican party in New York.

The Cholera is still raging, and one case was reported on a vessel near the U. S. coast the other day. Our country this summer has been blessed with the absence of all great scourges. If people, especially in cities, well remember that cleanliness is next to Godliness and keep things neat such a plague as the cholera will hardly find footing among them. Montreal is now panic stricken with the small pox, but doctors and boards of health are very cautious and it is hoped that the disease will be soon checked.

In Maryland it is reported that the introduction of the whipping post into that State for the punishment of wife beaters has had a good effect, "An eye for an eye"—a whipping for a whipping has stopped the business in a large degree.

In the South artificial ice is rapidly displacing natural ice. Looking at it from a manufacturer's standpoint that is certainly cool progress, but soon natural ice will displace artificial ice in this latitude.

Will Dakota be divided? It is likely that Dakota will be admitted into the Union this year and there is some talk of dividing it into two States, North D. and South D. It is a large Territory but then it is not too large for one State. It is not so large as Texas and it should not be divided.

Dodson, perhaps the most important witness in the trial of T. J. Claverius died last week suddenly. Dodson was the clerk of the American House on the night of the tragedy. It is now thought that the condemned man will get another trial. Nov. 20th we think is the day set for his execution.

John S. Wise got in a fight last week. He struck a gentleman in the face unexpectedly. It has since been rumored that that will not be the end of the fracas however.

## CLEVELAND.

Mr. Cleveland we think must be the most self-willed man of our times. He acts as if every deed he does of whatever kind or nature, will be endorsed by Democrats, because they placed him in the Presidential Chair and he is their representative, acting as if he must not represent their views and let his views give into theirs, but that his views must be taken and that Democrats will give in and claim them for theirs.

His letter to Eaton has been variously commented upon. We gave our views of it last week and we have been pleased to see so many of our contemporaries adopt the same opinion of it that we did. But still we have seen many comments that said it was a grand document of a grand man upon a grand martyr of Republican Civil Service. All this may be so, but still that letter is a drawback upon the Democratic party. He desires to see Mr. Eaton continue in office as if there were no Democrat capable of filling the same. Is he afraid to trust a true Democrat with the position? Truly it would be against the ideas of such a one but still a Democrat could do his duty as well as this man whom Mr. President wishes to remain in office. Surely our President is not still trying to calm republican opposition if so let him look at New York and now see the effect of his soothing policy.

## MUGWUMPS.

It is already, it seems, time for some one to write a little political history, "the Rise and Fall of the Mugwumps." "It goes as it comes" is just about true, any thing that it takes hard labor to acquire is apt to remain, any thing easily made or won is likewise easily lost. Last fall the mugwumps suddenly turned enough to support a democrat for President, and now they have suddenly turned back and will support a republican for governor of New York. Our administration has in vain petted them, in vain has bestowed good gifts upon and recognized them. It has never yet, we suppose, uttered one word derogatory to the feelings of the Mugwumps. Big appointments have been made from their ranks and now at this late day they turn their backs upon our administration and go back to this first love, and we hope a good lesson has been taught our Administration. You cannot make a Democrat in a minute. He must be thoroughly convinced of the truthness of the principles set forth by Jefferson and Jackson and, if he has not at heart these, then at heart he is not a Democrat and there is no telling of what time he may fly the track. A Democrat is born not bought. There is no use of trying to establish Democratic principles and Democratic success by other methods than through democrats.

Col. Fellows, of New York, called on President Cleveland last week and expressed his opinion of the Administration's former allies, the mugwumps. Mr. Cleveland did not express himself, but it is thought that his future appointments will be more closely confined to Democrats.

## Death of Col. Jos. H. Saunders.

We are pained to record the death of Col. Joseph H. Saunders, who died yesterday at his home, in Pitt county, of hemorrhagic fever, in the forty-sixth year of his age. Col. Saunders, who is so well known throughout the State, resided in his earlier years at Chapel Hill and was educated at the University. In the first flush of manhood, the war breaking out, he volunteered in the 33d Regiment, N. C. Troops, and rose through the successive grades until June 18, 1864, he received the commission of Lieutenant-colonel of his regiment. He was severely wounded at the battle of Second Manassas and was shot down and captured at the battle of Gettysburg. As an officer he bore an enviable reputation and reflected honor and credit upon the State he loved so well.

After the cessation of hostilities he married Miss Neale, daughter of Dr. Neale, a successful practitioner in the Albemarle section, who with a family of interesting children survives him.

He located in the county of Pitt and soon became one of the most practical, energetic and successful farmers of the State. It was his boast that he produced everything on his farm that he needed. He was the son of the late Rev. Laurence Saunders, of this State, and brother of Col. Wm. L. Saunders, the secretary of State. He was a genial, whole-souled Southern gentleman, respected and beloved by all who knew him, and many of our citizens, particularly his old comrades in arms, will be grieved to hear of his death. His remains will be interred to-day at Scotland Neck.—*News-Observer.*

Tarboro is to have a cotton seed oil mill. We are glad to hear it. One might pay here.

How is our new navy progressing.

## Don't Hurry to get Married.

Girls, don't be in a hurry to get married. If you are but 16, don't allow such an idea to get into your head for at least four years. Don't even run the risk of it by permitting any young man to go so far as proposing the point. Fight them off, or make them wait or go to somebody who is ready. Don't live under the impression that you must accept the first lovesick youth who proposes. Be patient; there are just as good fish in the sea as have yet been caught, and they will always bite at the right kind of bait. There is a world of happiness for you between 16 and 20. The world would be a dreary old world if it were not for the sweet faces of young girls with their piquant sayings and melting smiles. After you have reached 20 it will do to consider the matrimonial problem with some seriousness.—*Falcon.*

Ex-Governor Moses, formerly a Republican Governor of South Carolina of carpet bag fame was the other day sentenced to three years hard labor in the Massachusetts penitentiary for obtaining money under false pretenses. Retributive justice.

—Mr. M. L. Wood, of Lewiston was in town the last part of last week.

—We were sorry to hear of the death of the baby of Mr. and Mrs. James Tillery which occurred last week.

—Miss Katy Hyman, one of the oldest persons in this section died last Thursday at the home of Mr. Kindred Allbrook and was buried next afternoon. She was past the age of three score and ten.

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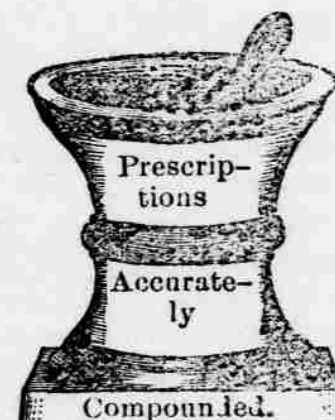
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